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# Crop Report

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**For the Period May 8 to 14, 2012**

Twenty-two per cent of the 2012 crop has been seeded, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's Weekly Crop Report. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is approximately 18 per cent seeded.

Significant seeding progress was made during the past week. Fourteen per cent of the crop is seeded in the southeast, 42 per cent in the southwest, 12 per cent in the east-central area, 17 per cent in the west-central area, 21 per cent in the northeast and 28 per cent in the northwest.

Provincially, 58 per cent of the field peas have been seeded, 40 per cent of the lentils, 25 per cent of the durum, 23 per cent of the spring wheat, 18 per cent of the canola, 18 per cent of the chickpeas and two per cent of the flax.

Warm and windy weather conditions over the weekend helped to dry up fields in much of the province. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 13 per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is nine per cent surplus, 85 per cent adequate and six per cent short.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds and moving cattle to pasture.

## **Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)**

Fourteen per cent of the 2012 crop has been seeded in the southeastern region, up from five per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 23 per cent of acres seeded.

Twenty-seven per cent of the field peas have been seeded, 22 per cent of the lentils, 18 per cent of the canola, 14 per cent of the wheat, 10 per cent of the durum and five per cent of the chickpeas and flax.

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## **One year ago**

Five per cent of the 2011 crop had been seeded. Seeding in most of the province was delayed by excess moisture.

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## **Seeding Progress in SK Per cent seeded**

All Crops	
May 14/12	22
5 year avg. (2007-2011)	18
May 9/11	5
May 10/10	5
May 11/09	23
May 11/08	25
May 13/07	31

Only small to trace amounts of precipitation fell on the region, allowing farmers to get back into some drier fields. The Maryfield area recorded the greatest amount of rainfall this past week (15 mm). Most fields are drying up with the warm, windy weather and many crop reporters have indicated that field conditions are better than this time last year. More warm weather is needed in the coming weeks to dry up wet fields. There are indications that there may still be some fields that will remain unseeded due to excess moisture.

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland have greatly improved from last week. Twenty-eight per cent of the acres are rated as surplus while 72 per cent are rated as adequate. In CD 2A, 55 per cent of acres have surplus moisture, down from 80 per cent last week. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions have also improved, with 15 per cent rated as surplus and 85 per cent as adequate.

Many farmers have been tilling wet areas in an effort to dry the fields out. There have been reports of emerging pulses being drowned out in low spots. Pastures are growing nicely and cattle are now being moved. Winter wheat crops are able to be sprayed in drier areas of the field.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds and rolling pulses.

#### **Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)**

Significant seeding progress has been made in the southwestern region. Forty-two per cent of the crop is in the ground, as compared to 13 per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 31 per cent of acres seeded.

Seventy-five per cent of the field peas have been seeded, 61 per cent of the lentils, 45 per cent of the canola, 37 per cent of the durum, 34 per cent of the mustard, 27 per cent of the wheat, 25 per cent of the chickpeas and barley and two per cent of the flax.

Trace amounts of precipitation fell this past week. There are reports that some areas will need moisture in the coming weeks to help alleviate dry field conditions.

Crop reporters have indicated that five per cent of cropland acres have surplus topsoil moisture, 91 per cent have adequate moisture and 4 per cent are short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 91 per cent adequate and seven per cent short.

Seeding is progressing rapidly with many farmers already done in some southern areas. There are indications that most farmers will be done seeding by this weekend if the warm weather persists.

There were reports of frost last week although little damage was done to emerging crops. Cereals, peas and canola are now emerging with some evidence of insect damage. There have been reports of shortages of seed treatments, fertilizer and glyphosate.

Farmers are busy seeding, branding cattle and moving them to pasture.

### **East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)**

Twelve per cent of the crop is now in the ground, up from two per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 10 per cent of acres seeded.

Forty-two per cent of the field peas have been seeded, 34 per cent of the lentils, 13 per cent of the canola, 12 per cent of the wheat, nine per cent of the durum, eight per cent of the barley and seven per cent of the chickpeas.

Very little precipitation, coupled with warm and windy weather over the weekend, has dried up many wet areas this last week. However, crop reporters have suggested that excess moisture conditions in some areas are worse than a year ago. Several CDs are reporting soft roads and water continuing to run from sloughs. Farmers would welcome some warm and dry weather in the coming weeks.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions have greatly improved since last week. These conditions are rated as 26 per cent surplus and 74 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture conditions have also improved and are rated as 28 per cent surplus and 72 per cent adequate.

Pasture growth has advanced and cattle are being moved. There have been reports of fertilizer shortages and of stubble being burned in some areas. Many fields will not be sprayed for pre-seed weed control due to wet conditions and windy weather.

Farmers are busy seeding, heavy harrowing, controlling weeds and moving cattle.

### **West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)**

Farmers in the region have 17 per cent of the crop in the ground as compared to two per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 17 per cent of acres seeded.

Forty-eight per cent of the field peas are in the ground, 19 per cent of the lentils, 18 per cent of the canola, 15 per cent of the wheat, 10 per cent of the durum, eight per cent of the barley and five per cent of the chickpeas has been seeded.

Trace amounts of rainfall were recorded this past week, with the Macklin area reporting the greatest amount (6 mm). Seeding has greatly progressed due to the warm weather this past weekend; however, pre-seed weed control has been delayed due to windy conditions. Cool nighttime temperatures have slowed down pasture and weed growth.

Moisture conditions have improved in most of the region. Cropland topsoil moisture is seven per cent surplus, 91 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil is rated as one per cent surplus, 94 per cent adequate and five per cent short.

There have been reports of pulses and canola emerging in much of the region. Many crop reporters have indicated that rainfall will be needed soon to help germinate the more shallowly seeded crops.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds and moving cattle to pasture.

#### **Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)**

Significant seeding progress has been made in the northeastern region due to warm and windy weather. Twenty-one per cent of the crop is now in the ground, up from less than one per cent last week. Seeding is greatly ahead of the five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year (eight per cent seeded).

Fifty-two per cent of the field peas have now been seeded, 34 per cent of the wheat, 16 per cent of the barley, 14 per cent of the canola, five per cent of the canary seed and four per cent of the durum.

Trace amounts of precipitation and high winds have dried up fields and allowed most farmers to start seeding. Pre-seed weed control has been difficult due to the wind, but most fields will be sprayed in the next few days. Pastures are actively growing and cattle are being moved.

Farmers are busy seeding, applying anhydrous ammonia and controlling weeds.

#### **Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)**

The northwestern region has 28 per cent of the crop in the ground, up significantly from four per cent last week. The five-year (2007-2011) average for this time of year is 11 per cent of acres seeded.

Seventy-two per cent of the field peas are now in the ground, 40 per cent of the wheat and 20 per cent of the canola. Seeding has rapidly progressed due to warm and dry weather conditions in the past week. The Rabbit Lake area recorded the greatest amount of precipitation (7 mm) while the rest of the region recorded only trace amounts.

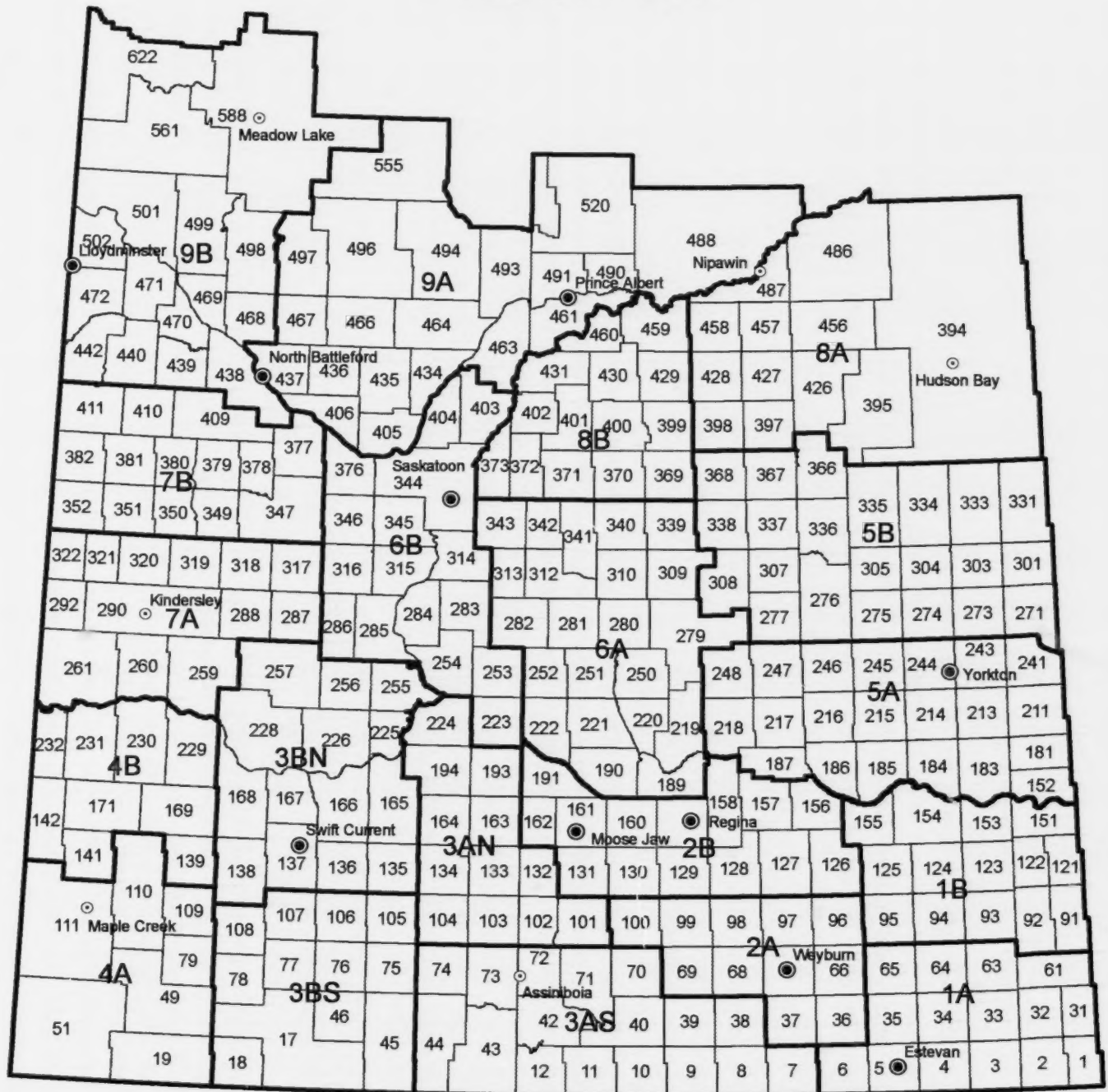
Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 91 per cent adequate and seven per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 80 per cent adequate, 18 per cent short and one per cent very short.

There have been reports of light frost in the mornings and slow pasture growth. Some cattle continue to receive supplemental feed and there are indications that livestock water availability may be lower than normal. Precipitation in the coming weeks will be needed for both livestock and crops.

Farmers are busy seeding, controlling weeds and picking rocks.

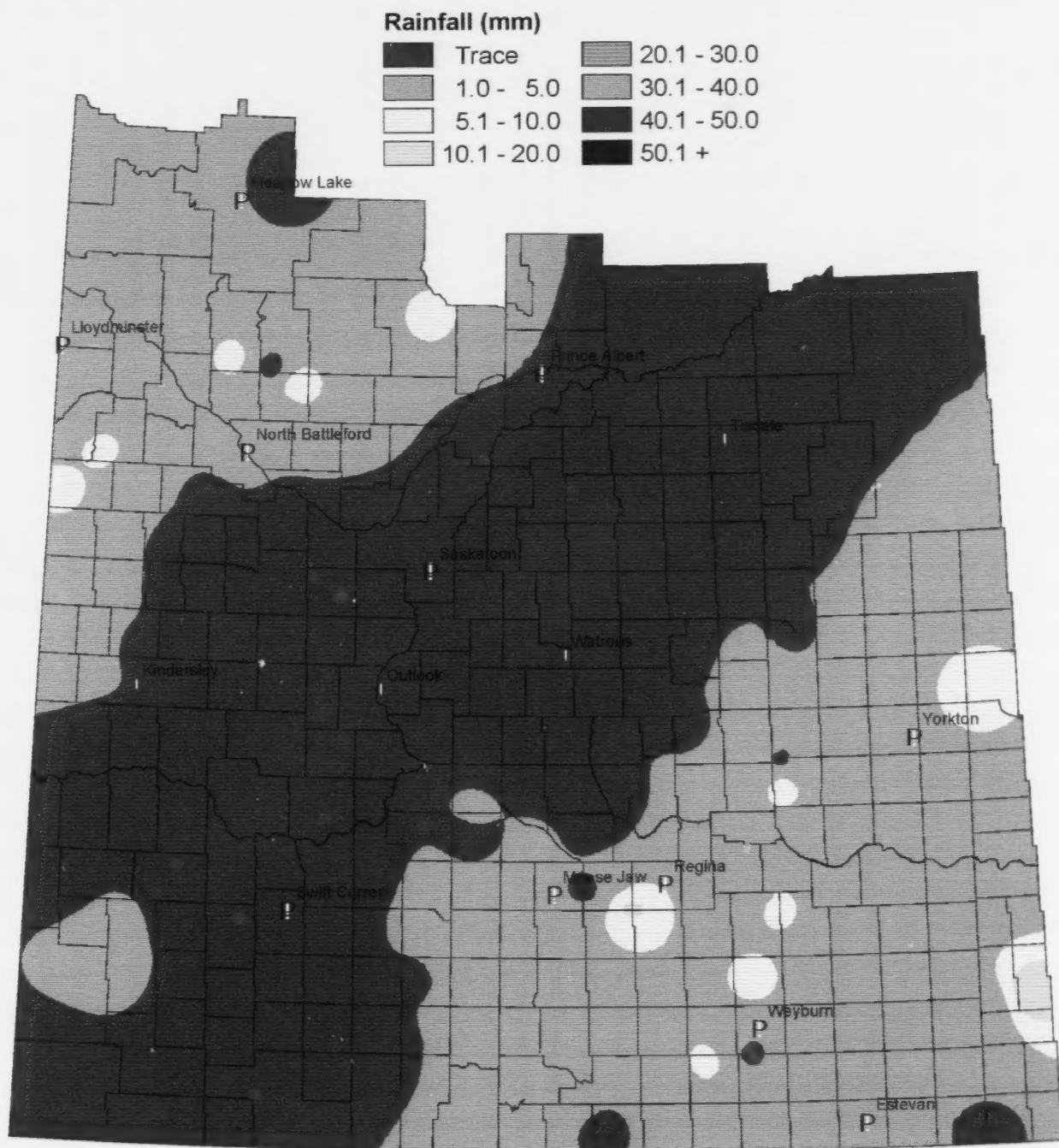


# Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



# Weekly Rainfall

## for the week ending May 14, 2012



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# Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters)

1 inch = 25 mm

for the period May 8 to 14, 2012

Crop Dist. R.M. No. Name Past Week Since 1-Apr					Crop Dist. R.M. No. Name Past Week Since 1-Apr					Crop Dist. R.M. No. Name Past Week Since 1-Apr					
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	46	4A	19	Frontier	NIL	70	7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	87	
	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	83		49	White Valley	N/A	49		347 B	Biggar	N/A	69	
	3	Enniskillen	1	103		51	Reno	NIL	46		350 A	Mariposa	NIL	95	
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	91		79	Arlington	N/A	75		350 B	Mariposa	NIL	59	
	34	Browning	2	107		109	Carmichael	NIL	99		351	Progress	3	112	
	61 A	Antler	N/A	134		110	Plepot	2	60		352	Heart's Hill	4	104	
	61 B	Antler	N/A	NIL	4B	111	Maple Creek	N/A	2		377	Glenside	NIL	76	
	63	Moose Mountain	1	120		139	Gull Lake	NIL	63		378 A	Rosemount	NIL	87	
	64	Brock	2	115		141	Big Stick	3	76		378 B	Rosemount	NIL	77	
	65	Tecumseh	2	93		142	Enterprise	NIL	66		379	Reford	NIL	87	
1B	91	Maryfield	15	113		189	Pittville	N/A	48		381	Grass Lake	N/A	37	
	92	Walpole	1	127		231	Happyland	NIL	72		409 A	Buffalo	NIL	65	
	95	Golden West	3	107	5A	183	Fertile Belt	8	145		409 B	Buffalo	1	54	
	122	Martin	N/A	134		186	Abemathy	4	102		410	Round Valley	NIL	26	
	123	Silverwood	2	115		211	Churchbridge	5	93		411	Senlac	6	89	
	124	Kingsley	2	97		213	Saltcoats	N/A	122	6A	395	Porcupine	N/A	111	
	151 A	Rocanville	3	143		214	Cana	N/A	N/A		397	Barrier Valley	NIL	88	
	151 B	Rocanville	3	151		216	Tullymet	6	111		428	Star City	NIL	95	
	153	Willowdale	5	103		217	Lipton	5	110		456	Arboret	NIL	83	
	154	Elcabo	N/A	110		241	Caldier	N/A	76		457	Connaught	N/A	83	
	155	Walseley	5	127		243	Wallace	N/A	67		458	Willow Creek	NIL	62	
2A	66	Griffin	N/A	N/A		245 A	Garry	3	152		466	Moose Range	NIL	57	
	67	Weyburn	NIL	60		245 B	Garry	5	183		467	Nipewin	NIL	106	
	68	Brokenshell	4	91		245 C	Garry	5	137	6B	369	St. Peter	NIL	115	
	69	Norton	N/A	N/A		246	Ituna Bon Accord	NIL	115		370	Humboldt	NIL	112	
	97	Wellington	6	84		247	Kelross	4	128		371	Bayne	NIL	90	
2B	127 A	Francis	6	104		248	Touchwood	NIL	56		372	Grant	NIL	86	
	127 B	Francis	3	85	5B	271	Cole	7	85		402	Fish Creek	NIL	80	
	129	Bratt's Lake	5	92		276	Fosm Lake	N/A	126		429	Flett's Springs	NIL	63	
	131	Baldon	5	101		277	Emerald	2	154		459	Kinistino	NIL	76	
	156	Indian Head	5	140		305	Invermay	3	88		460	Birch Hills	N/A	N/A	
	160 A	Pense	NIL	80		307	Elfron	1	174	6AE	461	Prince Albert	1	82	
	160 B	Pense	1.5	107		308	Big Quill	NIL	97		466	Torch River	NIL	29	
	161	Moose Jaw	11	110		333 A	Clayton	N/A	90	6AW	461	Buckland	1	73	
	162	Caron	3	108		334	Prescoville	2	78		406	Mayfield	NIL	69	
3ASE	191	Marquis	2	80		336	Sasman	NIL	143		435	Redberry	N/A	91	
	38 A	Laurier	6	87		337	Lakeview	N/A	111		436	Douglas	2	64	
	38 B	Laurier	5	72		338	Lakeside	NIL	100		463	Duck Lake	NIL	82	
	39 A	The Gap	N/A	67		366	Kelvington	NIL	119		464	Leask	N/A	15	
	39 B	The Gap	4	81	6A	190 A	Dufferin	NIL	96		467 A	Round Hill	4	62	
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	NIL	98		190 B	Dufferin	NIL	98		467 B	Round Hill	7	69	
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	92		190 C	Dufferin	N/A	85		494	Carwood	6	76	
	40	Bengough	2	53		190 D	Dufferin	N/A	122		497	Medstead	NIL	59	
	42	Willow Bunch	2	77		219	Longlakeston	N/A	80	6B	438	Battle River	2	77	
	43	Old Post	3	72		220	McIllopp	NIL	97		440	Hilldale	6	52	
	44	Weaverley	N/A	96		221	Sarnia	NIL	96		442	Manitou Lake	1.3	60	
	70	Key West	N/A	86		222	Craik	NIL	118		468 B	Meoka	N/A	38	
	71	Exco	N/A	69		251	Big Arm	NIL	93		498 A	Parkdale	6	92	
	73 A	Stonehenge	N/A	81		252	Arm River	NIL	84		498 B	Parkdale	N/A	42	
	73 B	Stonehenge	3	91		279	Mount Hope	NIL	102		499	Mervin	3	53	
	74	Wood River	1	80		282	McCraney	NIL	91		501 A	Frenchman Butte	4	55	
3AN	101	Terrill	5	104		309	Prairie Rose	NIL	115		501 B	Frenchman Butte	2	45	
	102	Lake Johnston	4.1	96		313	Lost River	N/A	75		501 C	Frenchman Butte	3	72	
	103	Sutton	N/A	76		339	Leroy	NIL	139		561	Loon Lake	3	44	
	104	Gravelbourg	0.5	62		340	Wolverine	NIL	78		586 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	40	
	132	Hillsborough	2	96		341	Viscount	NIL	78		588 B	Meadow Lake	2	45	
	134	Shamrock	3	100		343	Blucher	NIL	119		588 C	Meadow Lake	N/A	34	
	164	Chaplin	N/A	89		283	Rosedale	1	99		588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	42	
	193 A	Eyebrow	NIL	90	6B	264	Rudy	N/A	143		622	Beaver River	N/A	46	
	193 B	Eyebrow	1.5	129		265	Fertile Valley	NIL	109						
	194	Enfield	N/A	116		266	Milden	NIL	110						
3BS	17	Val Marie	NIL	134		314	Dundum	NIL	109						
	18	Lone Tree	N/A	N/A		344	Corman Park	NIL	74						
	45	Mankota	NIL	96		348	Perdue	NIL	128						
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	115		378 A	Eagle Creek	N/A	47						
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	93		378 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	94						
	76 A	Auvergne	NIL	81		403	Rosthern	1	88						
	76 B	Auvergne	NIL	82		259	Snipe Lake	N/A	107						
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	81	7A	260 A	Newcombe	NIL	83						
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	85		260 B	Newcombe	NIL	103						
	78 B	Grassy Creek	1	78		287	St. Andrews	NIL	123						
	78 C	Grassy Creek	NIL	84		288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	118						
	105	Glenbain	1	81		290	Kindersley	N/A	64						
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	90		292	Milton	N/A	96						
	107	Lac Pelletier	N/A	91		317 A	Marriott	NIL	101						
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3BN	136	Webb	NIL	71		318	Mountain View	NIL	90						
	166	Excelsior	NIL	129		320 A	Oakdale	N/A	100						
	167	Sask. Landing	NIL	101		320 B	Oakdale	NIL	93						
	168	Riverside	NIL	74		321	Prairieville	3	125						
	226	Victory	N/A	31											
	228	Lacadena	NIL	96											
	257	Monet	NIL	107											

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These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R. M.

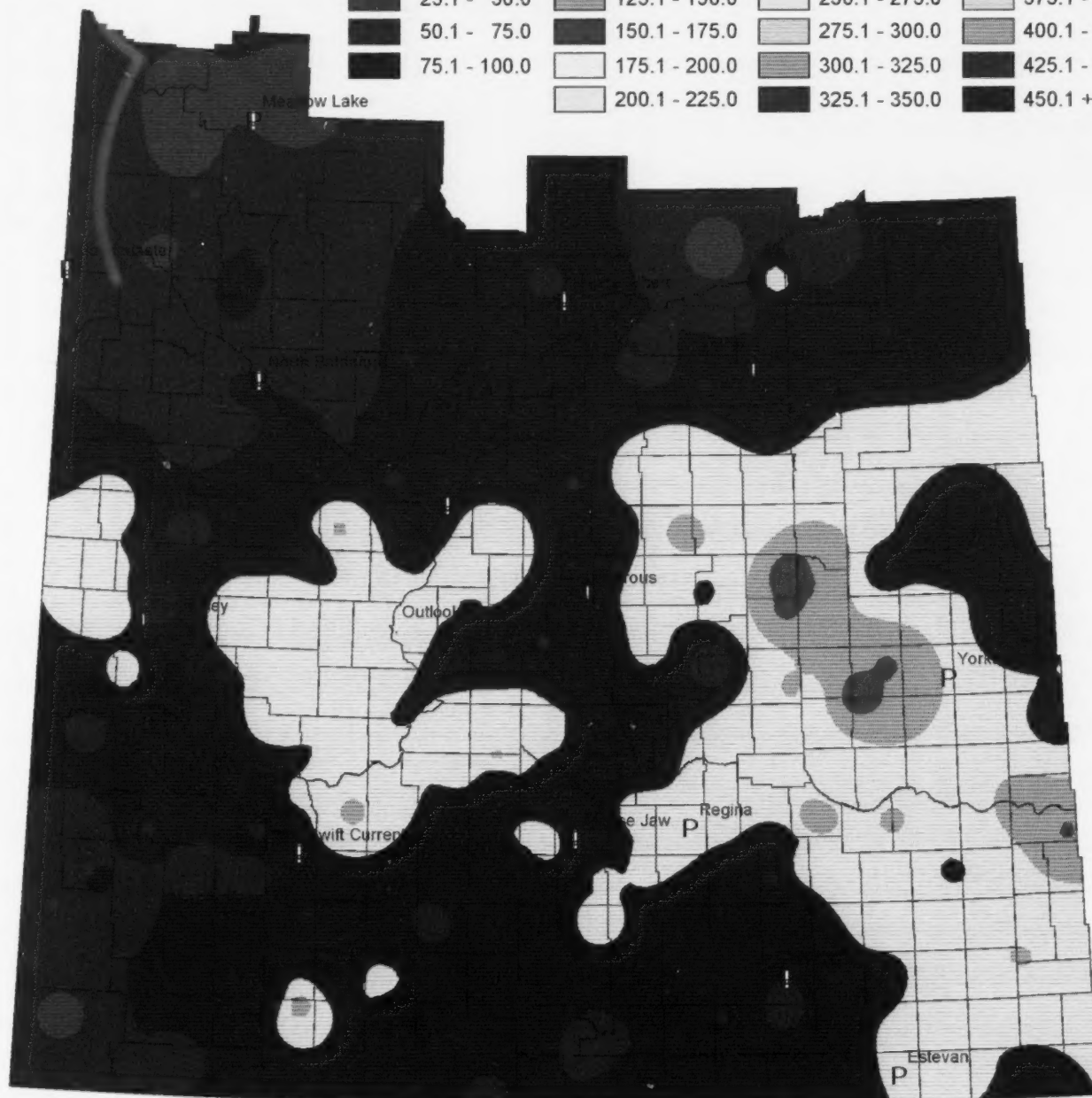
# Cumulative Rainfall

From: April 1, 2012

To: May 14, 2012

## Rainfall (mm)

0.0 - 25.0	100.1 - 125.0	225.1 - 250.0	350.1 - 375.0
25.1 - 50.0	125.1 - 150.0	250.1 - 275.0	375.1 - 400.0
50.1 - 75.0	150.1 - 175.0	275.1 - 300.0	400.1 - 425.0
75.1 - 100.0	175.1 - 200.0	300.1 - 325.0	425.1 - 450.0
	200.1 - 225.0	325.1 - 350.0	450.1 +



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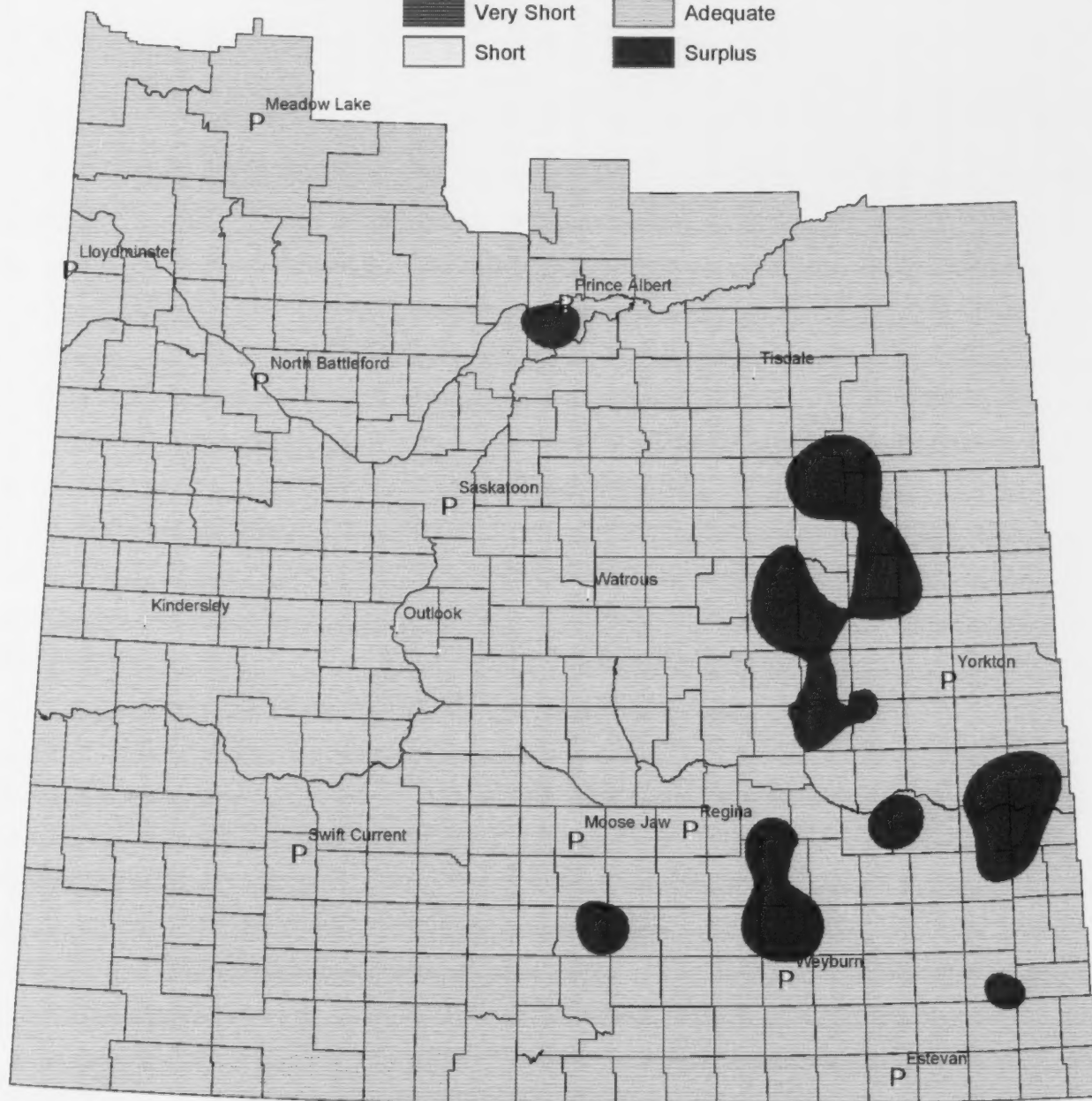
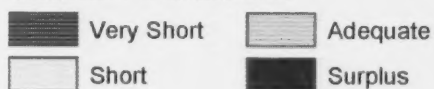
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# Cropland Topsoil Moisture Conditions

May 15, 2012

## Moisture Conditions



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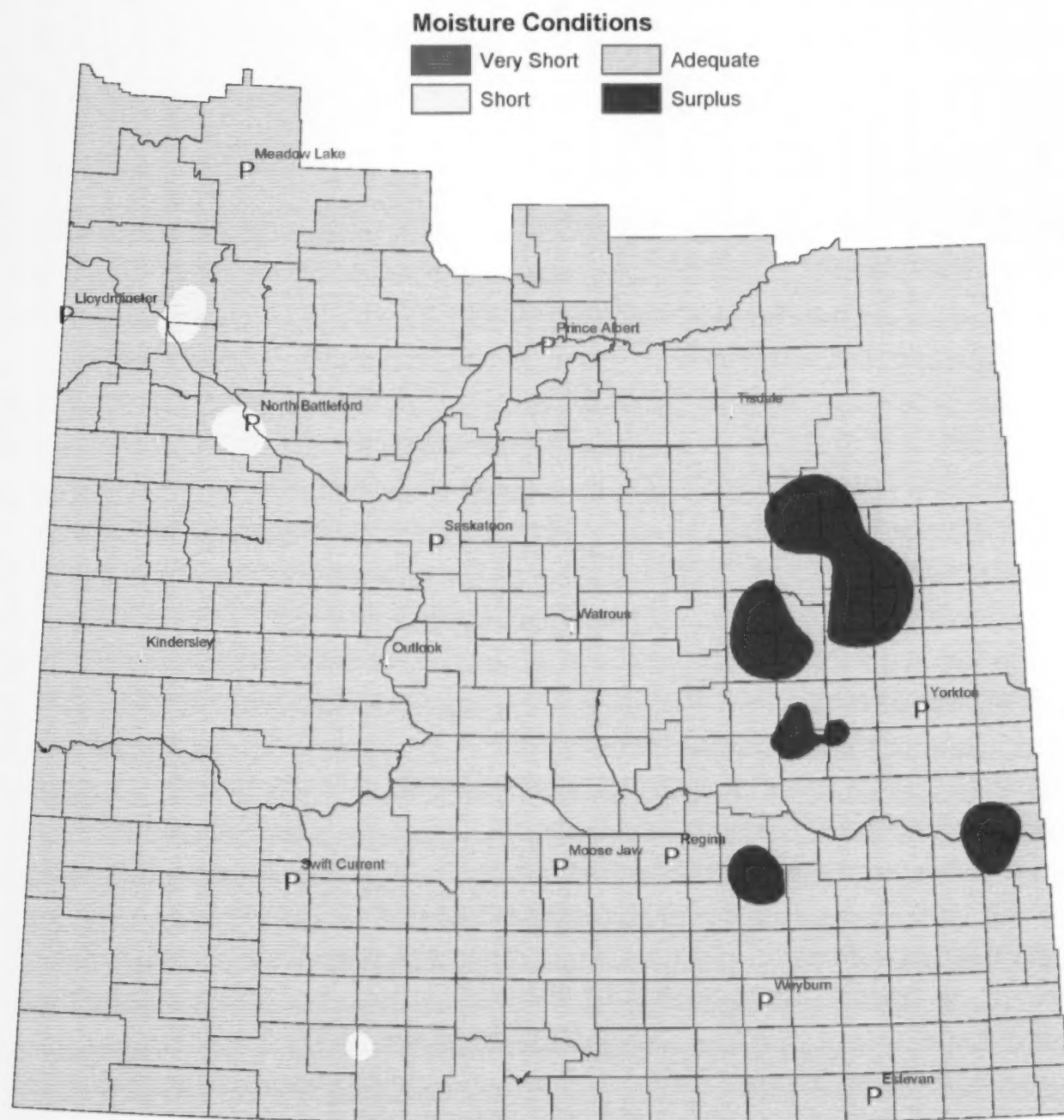
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# Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

## May 15, 2012



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